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1. PURSUANT TO PARA (5) REFTEL (A), AND FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL MINISTER AND MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP FRANCISCI (ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE'S POLICY PLANNER/CO-ORDINATOR FOR EC-GATT AFFAIRS), EMBOFF REITERATED NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY ON PART OF EC ON QUESTION OF ROLE OF AGRICULTURE IN THE MTN TO MFA REP CALAMIA (DIRECTOR, EC-GATT AFFAIRS).

2. CALAMIA SUMMED UP SITUATION AS FOLLOWS:

A) BECAUSE EC MINISTERIAL DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL FEBRUARY 10, IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO ANYTHING IN TIME FOR FEBRUARY 11 TNC SESSION.

B) TO PUSH ISSUE IN EC NOW WOULD CERTAINLY FREEZE PRESENT EC POSITION, WHICH WOULD BENEFIT NEITHER USG NOR THOSE ELEMENTS WITHIN EC WHICH SUPPORT GREATER FLEXIBILITY.

C) SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS WILL NOT BEGIN AT FEBRUARY 11 TNC SESSION. THERE IS THEREFORE NO NEED,AS GOI SEES IT, TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM IMMEDIATELY.

D) AS UK "RENEGOTIATION" PROCEEDS, CAP MAY BE MODIFIED AND FRENCH ATTITUDE TOWARDS AGRICULTURE AND MTN, WHICH PRESENTLY DETERMINES EC POSITION, MAY MELLOW. SOME OTHER EC MEMBERS WOULD LIKE ADDED FLEXIBILITY IN MTN MANDATE AND WILL BE WORKING ON FRENCH

E) MFA UNDERSTANDS USG'S POLITICAL PROBLEMS ON THIS ISSUE. F) GOI WILLING HAVE SOME AGRICULTURE RELATED PROBLEMS DISCUSSED OUTSIDE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE, BUT BELIEVES BULK OF AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS RIGHTFULLY BELING IN THAT GROUP. FACT THEY ARE DISCUSSED THERE SHOULD NOT PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF LIBERALIZATION IN THIS SECTOR.

G) US MUST BE PREPARED PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMPENSATION IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IN RETURN FOR ANY INCREASED US ACCESS TO EC MARKET. VOLPE

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